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Sir:

Since I live in England, to which the Star-News comes by slow boat, I have only just now come across Harry Rositske's intriguing review of my book, *Without Cloak or Dagger*. That famous Russian agent, Kim Philby, has branded my book "Fascist trash," and now a former top operational chief of the CIA, who knows ten times as much about espionage as I do, has taken time out to read ~~my book~~ and to review it for a leading newspaper.

It is impossible not to be flattered by such attention, but may I comment?

Every assertion of mine which Mr. Rositske regards as wrong is supported by "one hundred representative cases" prepared only five years ago by American and British intelligence professionals. As Mr. Rositske has rightly guessed, the cases were pulled together for training purposes, but they were real live cases -- successful ones, too.)

If Mr. Rositske cares to debate me on them (privately -- because both of us would have to rely on examples which could not be made public), I would be glad to support my assertions with more ~~substantive~~ moving evidence. But there are a couple of points on which he should be taken to task right now.

He objects to my saying that the British and Americans normally run operations into a country from outside capitals. Are we to infer that when he was in India he recruited agents for operations *inside India itself*? If so, I don't believe him. In spite of the fact that the Indians profess to believe there is a CIA agent behind every tree, the fact is that the CIA does not so much as wiggle a littlefinger in their country without first checking with the Indian security authorities, and these authorities would never approve of the CIA's running any operation which they would not themselves be running were they in possession of the equipment and know-how.

Like Victor Marchetti, Mr. Rositske belittles the CIA's espionage coverage of the U.S.S.R. It happens that ~~x~~ he was himself the Agency's leading planner of operations into the U.S.S.R., and has earned the admiration of us all -- especially, of Mother, Kingfish and Jojo, and the others with "droll, non-existent nicknames" whose operations, thanks to Mr. Rositske's sound counsel, were anything but "mythical." Perhaps he is denying the operations because of modesty, or perhaps because he thinks I am naughty to be tipping off the